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Serial No.: 10/667,162) Art Unit: 3721
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Filed On: September 17, 2003)
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Title: A METHOD AND A MACHINE FOR)
HEAT-SHRINKING HEAT-SHRINK)
SLEEVES ENGAGED INDIVIDUALLY) Docket No.: 6758-03
ON ARTICLES SUCH AS BOTTLES)

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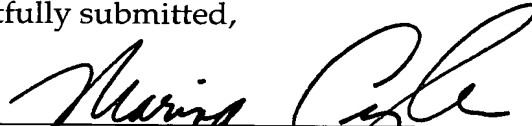
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Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of French Search Report Serial No. FR 635738 dated April

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